

AMENDING SECTION 1 OF THE ACT OF AUGUST 9, 1955 (69
STAT. 555), AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF CERTAIN LAND
BY THE PUEBLOS OF SAN LORENZO AND POJOAQUE

JUNE 27, 1956.—Committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State
of the Union and ordered to be printed

Mr. ENGLE, from the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
submitted the following

R E P O R T

[To accompany S. 3547]

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs, to whom was referred the bill (S. 3547) to amend section 1 of the act of August 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 555), authorizing the sale of certain land by the pueblos of San Lorenzo and Pojoaque, having considered the same, report favorably thereon without amendment and recommend that the bill do pass.

PURPOSE OF THE BILL

The act of August 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 555), authorized the pueblos of San Lorenzo and Pojoaque in the State of New Mexico to sell certain tribal lands to the Navaho Tribe.

In setting forth the land authorized to be sold under the 1955 act, the Bureau of Indian Affairs erred in the land descriptions. This proposed legislation is necessary in order that the transactions contemplated in the act of August 9, 1955, may be carried out between the Navaho Tribe and the two pueblos.

The Department of the Interior report on S. 3547 follows:

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY,
Washington 25, D. C., April 25, 1956.

HON. JAMES E. MURRAY,
*Chairman, Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs,
United States Senate, Washington 25, D. C.*

MY DEAR SENATOR MURRAY: Your committee has requested a report on S. 3547, a bill to amend section 1 of the act of August 9, 1955 (69 Stat 555), authorizing the sale of certain land by the pueblos of San Lorenzo and Pojoaque.

We recommend that the bill be enacted.

The sole purpose of the bill is to correct an error in the land description that is contained in the act of August 9, 1955 (69 Stat. 555). That act authorizes the pueblo of San Lorenzo and the pueblo of Pojoaque to sell to the Navaho Tribe of Indians approximately 56,252 acres of land in Valencia County, N. Mex. The lands are now held by the United States in trust for the two pueblos, and after the proposed sale they will be held by the United States in trust for the Navaho Tribe. Due to a typographical error that was made when the act was originally drafted, one line of the land description was omitted, and the pending bill will correct that error.

The Bureau of the Budget has advised that there is no objection to the submission of this report to your committee.

Sincerely yours,

WESLEY A. D'EWART,
Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

The Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs recommends that S. 3547 be enacted.

CHANGES IN EXISTING LAW

In compliance with clause 3 of rule XIII of the Rules of the House of Representatives, changes in existing law made by the bill, as introduced, are shown as follows (new matter is printed in italics, existing law in which no change is proposed is shown in roman):

ACT OF AUGUST 9, 1955 (69 STAT. 555)

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Pueblo of San Lorenzo, sometimes know as the Pueblo of Picuris, and the Pueblo of Pojoaque in New Mexico are hereby severally authorized to sell to the Navaho Tribe of Indians all of the right, title, and interest of each of said Pueblos in and to any of the lands situated in townships, 6, 7 and 8 north, *range 14 west, townships 7 and 8 north, range 15 west, and township 7 north, range 16 west, New Mexico principal meridian, in Valencia County, New Mexico, the title to which is now held by the United States in trust for either of said Pueblos; and the Navaho Tribe is hereby authorized to purchase all of the right, title, and interest of said Pueblos in and to any of the above-described lands, whereupon the title to the lands so purchased shall be held by the United States in trust for the Navaho Tribe. All sales under this section shall be for such prices and on such terms as may be agreed upon by the governing bodies of the Pueblo making the sale and of the Navaho Tribe, and as may be approved by the Secretary of the*

Interior. The consideration for each sale, when so agreed upon and approved, shall be paid out of such funds of the Navaho Tribe as may be designated for this purpose by its governing body. The Secretary of the Interior and the appropriate officers of said Pueblos are authorized to execute such instruments of conveyance as may be necessary or appropriate to effectuate the transfer of title to any lands purchased by the Navaho Tribe under this section.

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